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In the Application of:

STEPHEN B. JOHNSON, ET AL. CASE NO.: DP6800 US DIV

APPLICATION NO.: 10/683,680 GROUP ART UNIT: 1774

FILED: OCTOBER 10, 2003 EXAMINER: NEWTON EDWARDS

FOR: MULTILOBAL POLYMER FILAMENTS AND ARTICLES PRODUCED THEREFROM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the Communication from the Examiner dated April 14, 2004, restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicant hereby elects Group I [Claims 9, 10, 15-25, drawn to a bicomponent filament, yarn, article, garment, fabric, and spinneret classified in class 428, subclass various] without traverse.

Furthermore, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office information listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08A . Benefit of the earlier filing date of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/863,166, filed May 23, 2001 is claimed under 35 USC 120 for the above-referenced application and only copies of information not previously made of record in the parent are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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